**Assignment, Checklist and Grading Rubric for Five-Paragraph Parenting Essay**

This writing project is a FIVE-PARAGRAPH persuasive essay that compares and contrasts parenting styles and the impact on the parent-child relationship. The essay should explore which parenting styles are the worst and which help children and why. It should include examples that show how different parents’ behavior affected their children. The writing project will be due on January 16th and is worth 100 points.

* Your essay must include THREE DIFFERENT TYPES of PARENTING STYLES: two negative ones and one positive style.
* Select AT LEAST ONE of the longer texts: either Make Lemonade or Inherit the Wind (you may use both).
* Choose ONE or TWO short stories from the following: “Charles” or “Thank You, Ma’am.”
* Use at least THREE DIFFERENT PIECES OF INFORMATION from TWO SOURCES from the data packet.

**FIRST (INTRODUCTORY) PARAGRAPH (15 points total)**

1. **INDENT and write an attention-grabbing thematic lead** sentence that relates to parenting strategies. It can be a question, quote, definition, or statement of truth **(2 points).**
2. Include the title and author of two to three different texts and write a brief summary of each story. Include important details about the parent-child relationships. Remember at least one text MUST be a longer book (either Make Lemonade or Inherit the Wind) **(6 points).**
3. Use specific adjectives to describe the parenting style in each text **(2 points).**
4. Thesis statement with three claims: Use THREE to SIX CONTRASTING ADJECTIVES to state three OPINIONATED claims: **Describe** TWO negative parenting styles that hurt children and a **third** positive parenting style that helps children. Describe the impact of each negative parenting style on children. Explain how the positive strategy helps to build a child’s identity and family relationship **(5 points).**

**SECOND (BODY) PARAGRAPH (20 points total) –NEGATIVE PARENTING**

5. Indent, use a transition word, and write a topic sentence about the first negative parenting style and how it impacts children **(2 points).**

1. Use AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE from the readings that show how a parent acts in a negative manner **(4 points).**
2. Use AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE from the readings that show how a child is harmed by this conduct **(4 points).**
3. Use at least ONE DIRECT QUOTE WITH PARENT NUMBER to show negative parenting style OR how the child is harmed (**4 points).**
4. Include accurate and specific INFORMATION from the DATA PACKET that relate to the examples and quotes. **Be careful to make sure that your overall essay refers to at least TWO DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES.** Explain the data and how it connects to the character from reading **(4 points).**
5. Explain how the textual examples, statistics and the quotes show the dangers and harm of this style of parenting **(2 points).**

**THIRD (BODY) PARAGRAPH (20 points total)—NEGATIVE PARENTING**

11. Indent, use a transition word, and write a topic sentence about the second negative parenting style and how it impacts children **(2 points).**

1. Use AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE from the readings that show how a parent acts in a negative manner **(4 points).**
2. Use AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE from the readings that show how a child is harmed by this conduct **(4 points).**
3. Use at least ONE DIRECT QUOTE WITH PARENT NUMBER to show negative parenting style OR how the child is harmed (**4 points).**
4. Include accurate and specific INFORMATION from the DATA PACKET that relate to the examples and quotes. **Be careful to make sure that your overall essay refers to at least TWO DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES.** Explain the data and how it connects to the character from reading **(4 points).**
5. Explain how the textual examples, statistics and the quotes show the dangers and harm of this style of parenting **(2 points).**

**FOURTH (BODY) PARAGRAPH (20 points total)—POSITIVE PARENTING**

17. Indent, use a transition word, and write a topic sentence about the positive parenting style and how it impacts children **(2 points).**

1. Use AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE from the readings that show how a parent acts in a positive manner **(4 points).**
2. Use AT LEAST ONE SPECIFIC EXAMPLE from the readings that show how a child is helped by this conduct **(4 points).**
3. Use at least ONE DIRECT QUOTE WITH PARENT NUMBER to show positive parenting style OR how the child is helped (**4 points).**
4. Include accurate and specific INFORMATION from the DATA PACKET that relate to the examples and quotes. **Be careful to make sure that your overall essay refers to at least TWO DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES.** Explain the data and how it connects to the character from reading **(4 points).**
5. Explain how the textual examples, statistics and the quotes show the benefits and help of this style of parenting **(2 points).**

**FIFTH (CONCLUSION) PARAGRAPH (5 points total)**

1. Indent, use a transition word and evaluate the effects of the TWO NEGATIVE PARENTING STYLES. Explain how they have a harmful impact on the family or the parent-child relationship (**2 points).**
2. Use a transition word to contrast the difference between the negative and positive strategies and evaluate the effects of the POSITIVE PARENTING STYLES. Explain how the positive parenting style has a helpful impact on the family or the parent-child relationship **(2 points).**
3. Identify the important lessons that are learned from contrasting and comparing the negative and positive parenting styles. Explain what is gained from avoiding a negative parenting style and from adopting a positive parenting style. What should the parents be less concerned about and more concerned about? Why? (**1 point).**

**Grammar, Language, and Mechanics: (20 points total)**

1. You avoid first person and second person pronouns (I, you, me us, we, our) **(5 points).**
2. You use specific and vivid vocabulary and avoid vague words like good, bad, nice, stuff, things, okay (**5 points).**
3. You cite the texts with accuracy and include proper typographical features (underlining or quotation marks) **(2 points).**
4. You cite the source number in parentheses after the data is provided (**2 points)**
5. You proofread for spelling and capitalization **(3 points).**
6. You use complete sentences, not fragments, and proper punctuation including an indent for a new paragraph **(3 points).**